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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment **Commissioner For Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 30, 2005, a two month extension of time being hereby requested with fee attached, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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